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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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February 23, 1993

To: Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Action)
(Finance and Insurance Committee--Information)

From: General Manager

Subject: Ultra-Low-Flush (ULF) Toilet Replacement Project Flat-Rate
Funding

Report

Your Board, at its February 9, 1993, meeting, directed staff to implement ultra-low-flush (ULF) toilet replacement projects based on a flat-rate amount to be paid per ULF toilet installed. This flat-rate amount would apply to new proposals from member agencies through the end of fiscal year 1992-93. There is approximately \$2 million in the revised ULF toilet conservation program budget of \$13.6 million for fiscal year 1992-93 available for funding projects under this proposed flat-rate criteria. Your Board further directed staff to make a recommendation for an appropriate flat-rate amount.

In order to establish a flat-rate amount, Conservation Branch staff has determined the average total cost member agencies are incurring for ULF toilet replacement projects in fiscal year 1992-93. These projects primarily use rebates to encourage customer's participation. The rebates are typically \$75 to \$100, which is resulting in a total average project cost of \$130 per ULF toilet installed. Metropolitan's new ULF toilet program, now available to member agencies, makes ULF toilets available to individual property owners at no charge. That program utilizes community based organizations to manage the distribution of ULF toilets. The unit cost of this new program, including recycling of old toilets, currently costs \$121 per ULF toilet installed. Therefore, based on the cost of current ULF toilet projects, a flat-rate contribution from Metropolitan of \$60 per ULF toilet installed appears to be equitable.

This action is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for action to:

The Water Problems Committee because of its authority to make recommendations regarding policies on water conservation, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481(i); and

This letter is referred for information to:

The Finance and Insurance Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations in matters concerning the disposition of funds, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2441(c).

Recommendation

WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

It is recommended that: a) new member agency ULF toilet project proposals, through the end of this fiscal year, be funded at the flat-rate of \$60 per ULF toilet installed; and b) the General Manager continue to be authorized to enter into ULF toilet agreements in excess of \$250,000 with member agencies, the agreements to be in form approved by the General Counsel.


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